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SUBJECT: ARC Items for Discussion

TO: Chairman, ARC

INFO: Army Member, ARC
        Navy Member, ARC
        AF Member, ARC
        NSA Member, ARC

1. It is recommended that the following items be placed on next ARC agenda for discussion:

    a. POST MISSION REPORTING

        At present there is no set procedure for reporting route deviations, mission observations, weather, camera malfunctions, etc. on special TALENT missions such as were recently executed into VIETNAM and LAOS. When a hot situation arises, and TALENT is used, a standardized system of reporting certain information back to service representatives and JCS is desired. Arrival of the OXY can and does indicate mission coverage. However, the OXY is usually 5 days after the execution, and an estimate of mission effectiveness is required. An example of this is mission 6035. This mission failed to get coverage S. of VINH due to clouds. The route was not as indicated in the pre-mission route received by JCS. These facts could have been passed to interested agencies prior to receipt of the OXY, and would have aided the briefing of recipients interested in the results of these missions. 6040 was a bust - executed, but no results. The fact results were obtained was not known until 4 days after it was flown, and then only after a query was made regarding of the OXY on this mission.

        RECOMMENDED, therefore, that ARC establish a definite reporting system, utilizing existing secure communications facilities, to obtain certain vital basic post-mission information on missions such as 6035, 6040 and 6045. JCS SPO requirements for inclusion in this type report follow:

            (1) If mission aircraft deviated from planned route, give deviations.

            (2) Will weather observed by pilot influence film results? If so, specify area.

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(3) Did any camera malfunctions occur? **Estimate**
what effect this will have on **results.**

(4) Any other pilot comments pertinent to **mission**
success or failure, to include any **visual sight-**
ings of importance.

TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM MANUAL

Exact differences in responsibilities of **TCO and TSO**
is not clear in manual. Recommend responsibilities of **TCO and TSO**
be more clearly defined, and manual be amended **accordingly.**